SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Mr. Chairman, Sir, my supplementary question relates to part (c) of the question. There is a category of staff in the All India Radio, known as Akash Vani Announcers. They have been representing to the Ministry about upgradation of their salaries and wages. My information is that their representative has also called on the Minister. I would like to know from the Minister at what stage the matter is pending and by what time the Government is likely to take a decision.

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the hon. Member is very much aware of this matter. He was one of the hon. Members who drew my attention to the upgradation of salaries and wages of the Akash Vani Announcers. As I said earlier, the entire matter has gone to the Cabinet and we are expecting that the Cabinet would deliberate on it soon.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now the Question Hour is over. Now, we will take up Papers to be laid on the Table.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): What about lunch hour?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think, today there is no lunch hour.

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: We have not decided to dispense with lunch hour. We need lunch hour so that we can come back to the right mood to be in the House. Sir, I think we must go for lunch.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They have some business to discuss. ...(*Interruptions*)... Let the Papers be laid on the Table.

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Yes, Sir. After that.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Assistance to Bihar for setting up Food Processing Industries

*283. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided financial assistance under Plan Development Schemes to Food Processing Industries Sector in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the year-wise details thereof for the last three years; and

(c) what other incentives Government propose to give to the entrepreneurs for setting up food processing industries in Bihar with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The detail of the financial assistance extended under the Plan Schemes of the Ministry for the years 1992-93, 1993-94 & 1994-95 in respect of the proposals from Bihar are Rs. 9.00 lakhs, Rs. 46.13 lakhs & Rs. 42.86 lakhs respectively.

(c) Various incentives like fiscal concessions and export incentives are available for setting up food processing industries in Bihar.

Bids for Cellular Phone Service

*284. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dates extended for submission of bids for Cellular and basic telecom services are over;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of tenders received from Indian and foreign companies alongwith the names of the companies;

(d) the terms and conditions specified for giving licences;

(e) the names of companies to whom licences have been issued so far alongwith the areas allotted to them for providing Cellular and basic services in the country;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and